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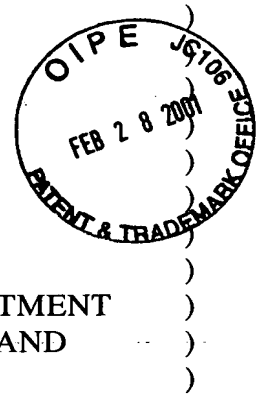
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 1-6, 10, 12, 22-24 and 26-37 without prejudice or disclaimer to the subject matter contained therein.

Please amend claims 7-9, 13-15 and 25 as follows:

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7. (Twice Amended) A peptide of the formula:  $R^1-X^1-X^2-R^2$

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wherein,  $X^1$  is an aromatic amino acid residue;

$X^2$  is any amino acid residue; and

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